

- of the Commissioners, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration or interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" shall not apply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the Commissioners. No motor vehicles shall be transferred from the police or fire departments to any other branch of the government of the District of Columbia.
- Restriction.** **Snow removal.** SEC. 15. Appropriations contained in this Act for highways, sewers, Division of Sanitation, and the Water Division shall be available for snow removal when ordered by the Commissioners in writing.
- 66 Stat. 826. SEC. 16. The authority of the Commissioners to establish agencies and offices in the government of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 4 of Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1952, and to effect transfers of unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds pursuant to section 5 of said Plan, shall not extend beyond June 30, 1954.
- Balances. Consolidation.** SEC. 17. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to consolidate under appropriate current account titles the unexpended balances of such unexpired District of Columbia capital outlay appropriations of prior years as may be requested by the Commissioners.
- Recission.** SEC. 18. The balances of all general-fund and water-fund contract authorizations heretofore granted to the Commissioners which remain unobligated on June 30, 1954, are rescinded.
- Department of Sanitary Engineering. Operating expenses.** SEC. 19. Operating expenses of the Department of Sanitary Engineering properly chargeable to two or more appropriations available to that Department may be charged initially to an appropriate fiscal year account which is hereby authorized to be established. Advances shall be made to this account in such amounts as determined necessary by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from appropriations available to the Department of Sanitary Engineering. All charges to this account shall be distributed at least monthly to the applicable appropriations.
- Short title.** SEC. 20. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1954."
- Approved July 31, 1953.

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CHAPTER 300

AN ACT

July 31, 1953
[S. 2078]

To provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death, incapacity, or separation from office of a disbursing officer of the military department.

Armed Forces. Disbursing officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the death, incapacity, or separation from office of a disbursing officer of any of the military departments the accounts of such disbursing officer may be continued and payments made in his name by his deputy disbursing officer for a period of time not to extend beyond the last day of the second month following the month in which such death, incapacity or separation shall occur. Such accounts and payments shall be allowed, audited, and settled in the manner prescribed by law; and the checks signed in the name of the former disbursing officer

shall be honored by the Treasurer of the United States, in the same manner as if the former disbursing officer had continued in office. The former disbursing officer, his estate, or the surety on his official bond, shall not be subject to any legal liability or penalty for the official acts and defaults of the deputy disbursing officer acting in the name or in the place of the former disbursing officer under this Act, but the deputy disbursing officer and his surety, shall be responsible therefor under his bond. The bond of the deputy disbursing officer shall be an amount at least equal to the minimum amount of the bond required of the disbursing officer. The Secretary of the military department concerned may, from time to time, require the deputy disbursing officer to renew and increase his bond to the United States.

Approved July 31, 1953.

Public Law 175

CHAPTER 301

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making additional appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1954, and for other purposes.

July 31, 1953
[H. J. Res. 305]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, the following sums:

Department of
Agriculture.
Additional ap-
propriations, 1954.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DISASTER LOAN REVOLVING FUND

For an additional amount for the disaster loan revolving fund established under the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1148a-1 to 1148a-3), \$130,000,000: *Provided*, That when used for loans under section 2 (c) of said Act such fund shall not be subject to the minimum loan limitation of \$2,500: *Provided further*, That not more than \$40,000,000 of such fund may be used for emergency feed and seed assistance under section 2 (d) of said Act, including reimbursement to the President's Emergency Fund for costs incurred in furnishing assistance in the form of livestock feed in drought areas designated as disaster areas by the President, under authority of the Act of September 30, 1950 (42 U. S. C. 1855), as amended, between June 25 and July 15, 1953: *Provided further*, That not more than \$300,000 of the funds provided by this paragraph may be used for administrative expenses for loans during fiscal 1954.

63 Stat. 43; 64
Stat. 414.

64 Stat. 1109.

FARMERS' HOME ADMINISTRATION

LOAN AUTHORIZATION

For an additional amount for loans under title II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, \$20,000,000, to be borrowed in the same account as is authorized under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1954.

50 Stat. 524.
7 USC 1007-1009.

Ante, p. 219.

Approved July 31, 1953.